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# EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES,

OF THE

TWELFTH MEETING,

OF THE

# EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

AND

# MINISTERIUM,

OF

SOUTH CAROLINA AND ADJACENT STATES,

CONVENED

AT ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH, BARNWELL DISTRICT, SO. CA.

On Saturday the fourteenth November, 1835,

And continued its sessions on the 17th, 18th and 19th instant.

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# MINUTES.

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SATURDAY, November 14th, 1835.

In pursuance of a resolution, passed at the last meeting of this Synod, the Ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of South Carolina and adjacent States, with their lay-delegates, assembled at St. Nicholas Church, Big Salt-Ketcher, Barnwell District, on Saturday the 14th of November, 1835. At 12 o'clock, M. divine service was commenced, with singing and prayer, by the Rev. John D. Scheck. Immediately after, the President of Synod, in accordance with the directions of the new Constitution, by which this body is governed, delivered the opening sermon, to a large and attentive congregation, from John 4: 35, 38 verses, inclusive: "*Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest, &c.*" After an intermission of twenty minutes, the Clergy and Lay-delegates re-assembled in the Church, and the Synod was duly organized with singing and prayer by the Rev. President; after which, he pronounced his Synodical Address, embracing an account of the most important ecclesiastical transactions of the past year occurring in our churches; and such recommendations for the action of the Synod, as would tend to elevate the dignity of our beloved Church, and extend her usefulness.

The Synod, according to arrangement, adjourned to the School-house, near the Church, to enter upon the transaction of business;—in the meantime, Levi Bedenbaugh, one of the Students of our Seminary, delivered a sermon to the congregation, which had re-assembled in the Church, from Eccl. 7: 14th verse: "*In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider.*"

The names of the regular members of Synod were now read, whereupon the following ordained Ministers and Licentiates, being present, took their seats accordingly.

| ORDAINED MINISTERS. | POST OFFICE ADDRESS. |
|---|---|
| 1. *Rev. John Bachman, D. D.* | *Charleston, S. Carolina.* |
| 2. " *Ernest L. Hazelius, D. D. | Lexington Village, S. C. |
| 3. " †Godfrey Dreher, | " " |
| 4. " George Haltiwanger, | " " |
| 5. " Jacob Moser, | Countsville P. O. Lexington dist. S. C. |
| 6. " John C. Hope, | " " " |
| 7. " Stephen A. Mealy, | Savannah, Georgia. |
| 8. " John D. Scheck, | Springfield P. O. Effingham Co. Ga. |

*Dr. Hazelius was prevented from appearing at the commencement of Synod by unavoidable circumstances—he was therefore excused.

†Rev. G. Dreher did not appear at the commencement of Synod, in consequence of voluntary ministerial engagements, which being unconstitutional, his excuse was not sustained.

| LICENTIATES. | POST OFFICE ADDRESS. |
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| 9. Rev. Harmon Aull, | Newberry Court House, S. C. |
| 10. " Robert Cloy, | Beauford's Bridge P. O. Barnwell, S. C. |
| LICENSED STUDENT OF DIVINITY. | POST OFFICE ADDRESS. |
| 11. Mr. David Hungerpealer, | Orangeburg Court House, S. C. |

| ABSENTEES. | POST OFFICE ADDRESS. |
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| 12. Rev. Michael Rauch, with an excuse, | Lexington Village, S. C. |
| 13. " Frederick F. Harris, with an excuse, | Monroeville, Alabama. |
| 14. Mr. Samuel Baughtnight, Student of Divinity, | Lexington, S. C. |

The Lay-delegates were now called upon to present their certificates of appointment to this Synod; Whereupon, the following gentlemen exhibited their credentials, and were invited to seats accordingly:

LAY-DELEGATES.

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| 1. | *Mr. John Bickly,* | *from* | *Rev.* | *John Bachman's* | *Church.* |
| 2. | " Samuel Bedenbaugh, | " | " | J. D. Scheck's | " |
| 3. | " Joseph Felt, | " | " | S. A. Mealy's | " |
| 4. | " Frederick Harmon, | " | " | J. C. Hope's | Churches. |
| 5. | " Henry Muller,* | " | " | G. Haltiwanger's | " |
| 6. | " Joseph Wingard,* | " | " | E. L. Hazelius' | " |
| 7. | " Peter Hawkins, | " | " | J. Moser's | " |
| 8. | " George Wise, | " | " | H. Aull's | " |
| 9. | " Adam Brandenburg, | " | " | R. Cloy's | " |

According to the order of business, laid down in the new Constitution, the Synod proceeded to the election of Officers. The Chair appointed Messrs. Bickly and Felt a Committee to superintend the election, and upon canvassing the votes, it appeared that the following gentlemen were duly elected, each to serve for two successive years:

Rev. STEPHEN A. MEALY, President.
" JOHN C. HOPE, Secretary.
Col. WEST CAUGHMAN, Esq. Treasurer.

Synod ordered, that the reading of the Minutes of last year be dispensed with, but that a Committee, of which the Secretary be Chairman, ex officio, be appointed to examine the minutes, and to report to this body on all unfinished business, and on all resolutions which have not been acted upon.—The Chair appointed Messrs. Scheck, Felt and Brandenburg to constitute this Committee.

All letters and communications addressed to this body were now called for, handed in, numbered and referred to Committee. The President waving his right to appoint, Synod ordered, that Messrs. Haltiwanger, Aull, Hawkins and Brandenburg be the Committee on Letters and Communications marked Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, to report on Monday next.

It was ordered, that communication No. 2, relative to grievances committed in Selem church, in holding an election for a Pastor, lie on the table for a few days before it come up for consideration. The President, at the request of the Secretary, appointed Messrs. Bickly and Harmon assistants in taking a correct record of the proceedings of the Synod.

It being announced, that several of our Theological Students were present: It was Resolved, That they be requested to take seats in Synod, and

*Messrs. H. Muller and J. Wingard did not appear at the opening of the Synod, but having offered valid reasons for it, they were excused.

participate in its deliberations, exclusive of the right of voting. Messrs. James P. Ring, Edwin A. Bolles, David Bernhard, Levi Bedenbaugh and George Harter were, consequently, invited to seats as deliberative members during the meeting of this Synod.

The Parochial Reports were now called for, and handed into the Secretary to be recorded in the minutes.

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

| MINISTERS. | No. of Congregations. | Baptisms. | | | | Confir'd | | | Communicants. | Burials. | SUNDAY SCHOOLS. | | | BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES AND RELIGIOUS ASSOCIATIONS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Children. | Adults. | Col. Persons. | Total. | Whites. | Colored. | Total. | | | No. of Schools. | No. of Teachers. | No. of Scholars. | |
| Rev. J. Bachman,* | 1 | 51 | 4 | 44 | 99 | 10 | | 10 | 376 | 22 | 1 | 18 | 130 | *A Society for the promotion of Religion & a Female Lutheran Society. †An Education Society, a Female Soc. for the support of Missions in Geo., & a Female Soc. for the support of Sun. Schools. ‡A Soc for the support of S. schools. ‖A cent soc. for the benefit of the funds of Synod, for education and missionary purposes. |
| " S. A. Mealy,† | 1 | 7 | | 3 | 10 | | | | 60 | 10 | 1 | 12 | 84 | |
| " J. D. Scheck,† | 1 | | | | 19 | 3 | | 3 | 117 | 13 | 1 | | | |
| " J. C. Hope, | 3 | 38 | | | 38 | 14 | | 14 | 236 | 12 | 1 | 5 | 35 | |
| " J. Moser,§ | 3 | 36 | 1 | 1 | 38 | 11 | | 11 | 149 | 3 | 2 | 15 | 79 | |
| " G. Haltiwanger | 4 | 22 | | 1 | 23 | 10 | | 10 | 263 | 12 | 3 | 14 | 101 | |
| " M. Rauch, | 1 | 17 | | 2 | 19 | | | | 40 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 30 | |
| " H. Aull, | 3 | 18 | 1 | | 19 | 3 | | 3 | 93 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 40 | |
| " G. Dreher, | 4 | | | | 63 | 25 | | 25 | 346 | 15 | | | | |
| " Dr. Hazelius,‖ | 4 | 8 | | | 8 | 2 | | 2 | 75 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 35 | |
| " R. Clay, | 3 | 9 | | 7 | 16 | 11 | 5 | 16 | 85 | 4 | | | | |
| " F. F. Harris, | 3 | 10 | | | 10 | | | | | 7 | 1 | | | |
| Mr. D. Hungerpealer | | | | | | | | | | 6 | | | | |
| *Total. | 31 | 216 | 6 | 58 | 280 | 89 | 5 | 94 | 1840 | 122 | 14 | 80 | 534 | |

The minutes of sister Synods having been laid on the table for the information of Synod, in what is doing in other portions of our Church: It was resolved, That Messrs. Scheck, Cloy, Hawkins and Wise, be a committee to examine and report on the Minutes of sister Synods, so far as they have come to hand, as soon as practicable. Some addresses on the subject of education, published by the Philosophical and Literary Society of Charleston, were presented to the Synod through Rev. Dr. Bachman, for the use and instruction of its members.

It was Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to examine and report on the President's Address. Committee: Messrs. J. Bachman, J. D. Scheck, J. Bickly and J. Felt.

Synod ordered, That the Auditing Committee on the accounts of the Treasurers of the Synod and of the Seminary be appointed. The Chair appointed Messrs. J. Felt, J. Harmon and A. Brandenburg as the Committee.

Ordered, That the election for the Treasurer of the Seminary be entered into. Messrs. Bickly and Felt received the votes, and upon counting them, it appeared that Mr. H. Muller was unanimously elected.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to examine the sermons and journals of the licentiates under the care of this Synod, and report on Monday. Committee: Messrs. Haltiwanger, Scheck and Moser.

*The number of communicants reported in the above Statistical Table is not a full account of all the members connected with the churches under the care of this Synod.

On motion, it was Resolved, That Synod adjourn to meet again at this place, on Monday morning next, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Closed with singing and prayer, by Rev. H. Aull.

At candle-light, Saturday evening, Rev. G. Haltiwanger preached in the Church from Matt. 12: 38, 39 verses, inclusive: "*Then certain of the Scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee. But he answered and said to them, an evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign, and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the Prophet Jonas.*"

*Services of Sunday, November 15th.*

At an early period in the morning, the people commenced assembling, and in consequence of so large a concourse, preaching was attended to without the Church, from a suitable stand previously prepared. Divine service was commenced with singing by Dr. Hazelius, who had now arrived to take part in the business of Synod, and prayer by Dr. Bachman; after which he preached a sermon from James 5: 21st verse: "*Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins*"—the theme of which was, to prove and urge the duty of all people, ministers and lay-men, to co-operate in the conversion of sinners from the error of their ways. According to notice previously given, the Elders of the Church lifted a collection in favor of the funds of the Synod, during which a hymn was sung by the congregation. A prayer was next offered by Dr. Hazelius, after which he preached from 1 Cor. 10: 21st verse, preparatory to the celebration of the Lord's Supper: "*Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of the Devil's: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's Table, and of the table of devils*"—the theme of which was, to prove the impossibility of Christians truly serving the Lord acceptably, and at the same time, delight in, and actually pursue the ways of the ungodly world. The Rev. J. D. Scheck next attended to the consecration of the elements to be used in the communion, at the Table. According to invitation, all the Clergy first partook of the Sacred Communion—then the Lay-delegates from the different Churches under the care of this Synod—and finally, the regular members of said Church, joined by members of neighboring churches of our own, as well as of other denominations. After thanksgiving was offered to God, and a benediction pronounced upon the people, the congregation was dismissed, with an invitation to re-assemble in the Church, in the space of twenty minutes, to hear a sermon preached by Rev. J. C. Hope, from Math. 12: 40, 41, inclusive: "*For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so shall the son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas: and behold a greater than Jonas is here.*"

Singing and prayer now closed the services of the day, which we trust, were greatly blessed for the good of an attentive people—and eternity alone make known the amount of blessing that was derived from them.

SECOND SESSION, Monday Morning, November 16th.

Synod opened with singing and prayer by Rev. J. Moser. After calling the roll, Dr. Hazelius arose and stated the reasons which prevented him from appearing at the commencement of Synod. These reasons were deemed sufficient—therefore, Synod Resolved, that the excuse of Dr. Hazelius be

sustained. Mr. H. Muller, who now appeared as a delegate to represent the churches under the care of Rev. G. Haltiwanger, stated his reasons for not appearing sooner, which being deemed sufficient, his excuse was also sustained. Mr. Joseph Wingard, who now appeared as a delegate to represent the churches under the care of Dr. Hazelius, handed in his credentials, stated his reasons for not appearing at the commencement of Synod, which appearing satisfactory, his excuse was likewise sustained, and was therefore invited to a seat in this body. The Chairman of the Committee on the Presidents Report, asked and obtained permission to withdraw a few minutes, more fully to prepare their report. In the meantime, Dr. Hazelius fairly brought before this body Messrs. James P. Ring, Edwin A. Bolles, David Bernhardt and Levi Bedenbaugh, Students under his care in our Seminary, and proposed them as suitable candidates for examination and licensure by this Ministerium. The Committee on the President's Synodical Report having returned, now begged leave to report:

## REPORT NO. I.

The Committee in common with the members of this Synod, are gratified to hear the cheering information contained in that address, of the increase of Ministers in our connexion; of the success of our Theological school and the extension of the borders of our Zion.

A considerable portion of that address has been given to the Synod as information, which, however interesting and important to the church, does not require any further action on the part of the Synod. Your committee proceed to notice such recommendations as seem to require the special attention of this body.

1. The fourth paragraph refers to a letter received from the Rev. F. F. Harris of Alabama, in which he expresses a desire to engage as a missionary under the direction of this Synod. Your committee recommend that his letter containing his application be referred to the Ministerium.

2. The committee have next taken into consideration the resolution of the General Synod referred to, in the President's Address, respecting the establishment of a Foreign Mission, by the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in the United States. They are aware of the importance of foreign missions—they feel sensibly alive to the duty of our church to make a preparation to enter on this field of labor; but owing to the comparative infancy of our church in America, the difficulty of collecting sufficient funds, and the circumstance of many of our churches having but recently formed themselves into Societies for the promotion of domestic missions, your committee are reluctantly compelled to recommend the postponement of this important subject for the present.

3. The recommendation of the President, that this Synod do express their sentiments in opposition to the doctrines of the Universalists has received the attention of this committee. Feeling confident that no minister of our church in connexion with this Synod holds these sentiments, so far as has come to our knowledge—knowing also that such doctrines are in direct opposition to the doctrines of our church, to which all our ministers have subscribed—your committee have reason to hope, that the candor of our brethren of other denominations may render such a declaration on our part unnecessary at this time.

4. Your committee, in noticing that part of the address which referred to the benefits which might be derived, both by the Synod of North Caroli-

na and the Synod of South Carolina and adjoining States, in a united effort to support the Theological Seminary at Lexington, cannot but express their belief that such efforts would unite the two Synods more closely in the bonds of love, and would enable the Seminary to be more efficient in promoting the object for which it was established; they therefore recommend, that this Synod appoint a clerical and lay-delegate to meet the Synod of N. Carolina at their next session; and that they in the meantime be authorized to open a correspondence with the officers and members of the Synod of N. Carolina on the above subject.

5. In common with our fellow citizens of the South, your committee could not fail to partake of the excitement which has prevailed in our country on the crusade commenced and carried on by individuals of the North, against the liberty and peace of our Southern country, calling themselves Abolitionists. The committee recommend the adoption of the following preamble and resolutions, in accordance with the views contained in the Address of the President of the Synod.

PREAMBLE.

Whereas individuals and Societies of the North, calling themselves abolitionists, under pretence of ameliorating the condition of our servants, have created an excitement deeply affecting our interests, and calculated to sever the bonds of attachment which exist between the master and slave; and whereas this unjustifiable interference with our domestic institutions is opposed to the Constitution of our common country, is subversive of our liberties as men—and contrary to the precepts of our blessed saviour, who commanded servants to be obedient to their masters, and the example of the holy Apostle Paul, who restored to his lawful owner a runaway slave; wherefore:

1. Resolved, unanimously, that this Synod express their strongest disapprobation of the conduct of the Northern Abolitionists—and that we look upon them as the enemies of our beloved country; whose mistaken zeal is calculated to injure the cause of morals and religion.

2. Resolved, That we will hold no correspondence with the Northern Abolitionists, and that should they send to us any of their incendiary publications, we will immediately return them.

3. Resolved, That whilst we learn with heartfelt pleasure, that none of the ministers in our connexion in the United States, have adopted the sentiments of the Abolitionists; the members of this Synod pledge themselves, in behalf of their churches in connexion with them, that they never will countenance such doctrines.

In conclusion, your committee recommend that the Address of the President be printed and appended to our minutes. [See Appendix A.]

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BACHMAN,
JOHN D. SCHECK,
JOHN BICKLY,
JOSEPH FELT, } Committee.

The Report was adopted and the Committee discharged.

After some discussion of the subjects recommended in the report, the following resolutions were introduced and unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That that part of the report of the committee on the President's Address relating to the Abolitionists, be signed by the President and

Secretary; and published in the several Gazettes in Charleston, Savannah, Columbia, and in the Lutheran Observer.

Resolved, That commissioners be appointed to attend the next meeting of the Synod of North Carolina, to confer with the members of that body, as to the possibility and mutual advantage of a union of effort in the support and patronage of the Seminary at Lexington. Commissioners: E. L. Hazelius D. D., and Henry Muller Esqr. Their alternates: Rev. J. C. Hope and Col. West Caughman, Esqr.

Several communications were now read and referred to the Ministerium. One from Mt. Calvary Church, North Edisto. Another from Dr. Hazelius relative to the state and prospects of the church in Columbia. And a third, from Dr. Hazelius relative to condition of St. Jacob's Church, Wateree Creek. Synod was now in readiness to hear and consider the reports of the several committees which had been appointed, and to pass such resolutions as would naturally and necessarily grow out of the subjects contained in them.

## REPORT NO. II.

The committee appointed at last Synod to afford pecuniary assistance out of the funds of the Synod, to pious young men of limited means, who are desirous of preparing themselves for the gospel ministry, beg leave respectfully to report: That the only applicant for aid, which has come before your committee is that of Mr. Hungerpealer. We believe him to be a worthy man, who may do much good in the church, but he is peculiarly situated; your committee would recommend, that aid be given to Mr. Hungerpealer for the purchase of the necessary books, and that he be directed, by the Professor of the Seminary, in his studies. A report has reached the committee that Mr. H. Stoudenmyre has made application for aid to the Treasurer of Synod, but we know nothing further on the subject.

Mr. G. Harter has made application this day. His teacher testifies that his deportment, diligence and progress in study are very encouraging.

Cheerfully submitted,

E. L. HAZELIUS,
*Chairman of Committee.*

Report adopted.

Resolved, That Henry Stoudenmyre is regarded by the Synod as a Beneficiary member, and therefore entitled to the usual support, likewise Mr. G. Harter.

## REPORT NO. III.

The missionary committee appointed at last Synod, beg leave to report: That Mr. Dav'd Bernhardt, a student of our Seminary, has been sent by your committee on a Missionary tour of one month, in the upper districts of the State. His report, which accompanies this, will show the result of his labors.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. HAZELIUS, *Chairman of Committee.*

Report adopted.

The report of David Bernhardt of his missionary tour last Spring, was read and referred to the ministerium.

## REPORT NO. IV.

The committee appointed to examine the sermons and Journals of the Licentiates under the care of this Synod, respectfully report.

1. That the Journal of David Hungerpealer, one of the licensed students of Divinity, which the committee examined, was kept with care and neatness, and manifests much diligence in our young Brother in promoting the interests of our beloved church, and in advancing the cause of vital piety among the people to whom his labor is confined.

2. That the sermon evinces fruitfulness of mind, and aptitude in composition in its author; and from the train of evangelical thought displayed in it, your committee are induced to believe, that in the course of time, by continued application to study, this student of divinity, will become useful to the church of Christ, and therefore deserves encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE HALTIWANGER,
*Chairman of Committee.*

Adopted.

REPORT NO. V.

The committee to whom was referred the consideration of several papers relating to different subjects, marked Nos. 1, 3, 4 and 5, respectfully report:

That paper No. 1, is a letter from Rev. M. Rauch, containing an apology for not attending the present Synod. Your committee are satisfied with the reasons assigned, and recommended that he be excused.

No. 3. Is an invitation from St. John's Church on Calk's Road, Lexington Dist. to the Synod to hold its next annual meeting at that church.

No. 4. Is an invitation from the Vestry of the Lutheran Church in Charleston to this Ecclesiastical body, to hold its next annual meeting in Charleston.

No. 5. Is a letter from the members of St. Andrew's Church recently erected in the fork of Broad and Saluda Rivers, Lexington Dist. giving an account of the dedication of their Church, the organization of their congregation, together with the information of having elected Mr. L. Bedenbaugh as their Pastor: provided he be received in full connexion with this body, and be authorized to administer the ordinances of the church. It also contains an invitation to this Synod, to hold its next annual meeting at said church. The committee recommend that Mr. L. Bedenbaugh be authorized to administer to the wants of this congregation.

As regards the different invitations for holding the next annual meeting of this Synod; your committee beg leave to state, that whilst they feel grateful for the kind invitations of the different churches, they regret that all their wishes cannot be complied with, and would therefore recommend that the next annual meeting of this Synod, be held at St. John's Church on Calk's Road, Lexington District.

All which is Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE HALTIWANGER,
*Chairman of Committee.*

Adopted.

Resolved, That the excuse of Rev. M. Rauch be sustained. As several claims were now urged, by various members of Synod, for different places for holding the next annual meeting of Synod: It was ordered, that Synod determine the next place of its meeting by ballot. Messrs. Bickly and Felt superintended the election, and upon counting the votes, it appeared that St. John's Church, on Calk's Road, Lexington Dist. was selected by a majority of votes.

Resolved, That this Synod hold the next annual meeting at St. John's Church, on Calk's Road, Lexington Dist. on the 2nd Saturday, the 13th of Nov. 1836.

Synod adjourned to attend divine service, to meet again in the afternoon. Rev. J. D. Scheck preached from Ps. 46, 5 v. "*God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.*"

THIRD SESSION, Monday Afternoon.

Synod resumed its business by appointing Mr. Henry Muller, Treasurer of the Synod, pro. tem. and ordering that he receive the contributions of churches, Societies and individuals, which were given for the salary of the Professor of the Seminary for the year to come, and for missionary and education purposes.

Synod adjourned for the space of an hour, to give the Ministerium an opportunity of holding a session, to act on business specially referred to it. In the mean time the Treasurer, pro. tem. received the contributions already specified.

*The following is a Statement of the contributions of Churches, Societies and individuals for the Professor's salary, and benefit of the funds of Synod.*

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| REV. J. BACHMAN'S CHURCH. | | |
| From the Female Lutheran Society in Charleston, | $200 00 | |
| Collection of the Church, - - - | 176 00 | –376 00 |
| REV. S. A. MEALY'S CHURCH. | | |
| From the Education Society, - - - | 95 00 | |
| Collection of the Church, - - - | 30 00 | –125 00 |
| REV. J. D. SCHECK'S CHURCH. | | |
| Pledge for the salary of the Professor, - - | 60 00 | |
| Collection of the Church, - - - | 15 00 | —75 00 |
| REV. G. HALTIWANGER'S CHURCHES. | | |
| St. Matthew's Church, Amelia Township, - | 20 00 | |
| Sandy Run, Lexington District, - - | 40 35 | |
| St. John's Church, " - - - | 15 15 | |
| Nazareth " " - - - | 4 77½ | –80 27½ |
| REV. J. C. HOPE'S CHURCHES. | | |
| St. Paul's Church, Newberry District, - - | 12 25 | |
| Bethlehem " " " - - | 6 00 | |
| St. Michael's " Lexington " - - | 10 75 | |
| Rev. J. C. Hope, " " - - | 13 00 | |
| Mr. Fred'k Harmon, " " - - | 5 00 | |
| Mr. Frederick Wyse, " " - - | 3 00 | —50 00 |
| REV. H. AULL'S CHURCHES. | | |
| St. Mark's Church, - - - - | 6 70 | |
| Mt. Calvary " - - - - | 3 30 | —10 00 |
| REV. M. RAUCH'S CHURCH, | | |
| Bethel Church, - - - - | 7 50 | |
| Rev. M. Rauch, - - - - | 2 50 | —10 00 |
| DR. HAZELIUS' CHURCHES. | | |
| St. Stephen's Church, Lexington Village, - | 17 00 | |
| From the "Lexington Cent Society," - - | 19 31¼ | |
| St. James's Church, - - - - | 3 50 | |
| St. Peter's " - - - - | 3 00 | |
| Mr. Andrew Derich, - - - - | 1 00 | —43 81¼ |

REV. R. CLOY'S CHURCHES.

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| St. Nicholas' Church, Barnwell District, - | 15 95 | |
| St. Bartholomew " " " - - | 6 71¼ | |
| Shilo, Fork of the Edistoes, - - - | 4 81¼ | 27 47½ |

REV. J. MOSER'S CHURCHES.

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| St. Matthew's Church, Newberry District, - | 6 25 | |
| St. Luke's, Stoney Battery, - - - | 8 37½ | |
| Salem, Lexington District, - - - | 3 28¾ | 17 91¼ |

INDIVIDUALS.

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|---|---|---|
| Mr. Henry Muller, - - - - | 60 00 | |
| Mr. Jacob F. Schirmer, - - - | 10 00 | |
| Rev. F. F. Harris, - - - - | 5 00 | |
| Rev. J. C. Hope, the amount received for sales of the Constitution, - - - - - | 11 50 | 86 50 |
| *Rev. G. Dreher's Churches*, - - - | 20 00 | 20 00 |
| *The Church in Columbia*, - - - | 33 00 | 33 00 |
| Total, | | $954 97½ |

The first session of the Ministerium being closed, Synod resumed its deliberations by hearing the report of the proceedings of the Ministerium as information: (See min. of the first session of Ministerium.)

## REPORT NO. VI.

The Committee appointed to examine the minutes of last year, and report on all unfinished business, and resolutions not acted on, have attended to the duty assigned them, and beg leave to report:

That they find no unfinished business, and no resolutions that have not been acted on, with the exception of one on page 19, in the business of the eighth session, which is this: "Resolved, That the ministers in connexion with this Synod call upon the members of their churches, to aid us by their contributions from their private libraries to increase the Library of the Seminary; and that they report the number and titles of the books received, and the names of the donors, at the next meeting of the Synod."

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. HOPE, Chairman, *ex officio*.

Adopted.

Several brethren arose and stated that they had not attended to the resolution for causes which were deemed sufficient to justify the omission of the duty prescribed.

## REPORT NO. VII.

The Secretary begged leave to report: That he had complied with the resolution passed at the last Synod; which made it his duty to insert in such public prints as he might deem advisable, the desire of this Synod, to receive donations of books, minerals, and specimens of Natural History, as may be considered valuable for the use of our Theological Seminary, and that he report to the next meeting of the Synod—and that he has not received any books or specimens for the use of the Seminary, excepting the "American Quarterly Register," conducted by B. B. Edwards, Boston, Mass.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. HOPE, Secretary.

Adopted.

In relation to the faithfulness with which the Secretary of Synod perform-

ed his several duties, and with a view to disabuse the public mind as to the foul charge of mis-printing the minutes of last year, the following resolution was introduced and adopted:

Resolved, That as a report seems to have been circulated, that important portions of our late proceedings were suppressed by our Secretary, and other parts distorted: this Synod feel it their duty to declare that the report is unfounded, and that in the opinion of this body, the Secretary has given a faithful record of our proceedings.

Synod ordered, That an election for four Directors of the Seminary be entered into. Messrs. Bickly and Felt received and counted the votes, whereupon it appeared, that Messrs. J. Moser, J. D. Scheck, J. Dreher and J. Meetze were unanimously elected, to serve each three years.

*Examination of the candidates for the Ministry.*

In accordance with the order of the Ministerium, the Professor, the Rev. Dr. Hazelius, now proceeded to examine the four already named young brethren, who had been presented as candidates for the ministry, on those branches of study to which they had attended in the Seminary, and which are prescribed in the Constitution of the Synod. After the examination had been conducted before the whole Synod for the space of an hour, it was suspended, to be resumed again at night, before the committee appointed by the Ministerium.

Synod again resumed its regular business by ordering the appointment of a committee to take into consideration the state of the Lexington Literary Institute, and to recommend what course ought to be pursued with it in future, to report on to-morrow at 4 o'clock, P. M. The Chair appointed Messrs. Hazelius, Hope, and H. Muller to constitute the Committee. Synod adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with singing and prayer by the Rev. G. Haltiwanger.

FOURTH SESSION, Tuesday Morning, 17th November.

Synod opened with singing and prayer by Dr. Hazelius, and resumed its regular business by the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be returned to Mr. David Ewart in Columbia, for his liberal donations to our Seminary, and that the President of the Synod communicate the same to him.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Synod be authorized to pay over to Dr. Hazelius the sum of fifty dollars for his services to the Columbia church during the last year.

Resolved, That a minister from this body be appointed to deliver a discourse on the morning of the Lord's day, at the next meeting of our Synod, on the *doctrines, government and discipline* of the *Lutheran Church.* The appointment was conferred upon Dr. J. Bachman of Charleston.

## REPORT NO. VIII.

*Of the Delegate to the General Synod.*

Having been appointed at the last session of this Synod to attend the eighth Convention of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, which convened at York, Pennsylvania, on the 20th day of June of the present year, I beg leave to report:

Your Delegate, as well as Rev. J. D. Scheck from this Synod, who had been appointed as an alternate, were received with much kindness by the members of the General Synod, and received that welcome, and had extended to them those hospitalities which caused them at once to feel themselves

in the presence of brethren, who were engaged in one common cause, that of advancing the best interests of our beloved church and the cause of religion in general.

As the proceedings of that convention have been published, and are in the hands of most of the ministers of our Synods, I deem it unnecessary to give an abstract of their proceedings. I shall therefore confine myself to those subjects which are of special importance to, or may require the action of this Synod. It will be recollected, that when, in 1833, our Synod first proposed a union with the General Synod, we made certain conditions which would require the alteration of a part of the Constitution of the General Synod, in order to enable us fully and confidently to unite with that body.

It will be perceived by the Report No. 13, on the revision of the Constitution, (which was adopted) that every feature which our Synod deemed objectionable has been removed. The General Synod according to this Constitution has no power to impose on individual Synods any new books or writings, such as catechisms, forms of liturgy, collection of hymns for the use of our churches and families, which those Synods may not see proper, on mature deliberation to adopt.

It leaves our Theological Seminaries under the control and government of their own officers and allows the different Synods the right of forming their own constitutions.

It was not necessary to urge the necessity of these amendments of the Constitution of the General Synod, by your delegate; the members of that body were fully prepared for those alterations—they cheerfully proposed and unanimously acceded to them. And now it becomes my duty to state, that from the whole of the public proceedings and from the temper and feeling exhibited by the individual members of that body, and from the free and fearless interchange of sentiments, it was fully evident that it has no desire to constitute itself as a judicial tribunal; that it is what it represents itself to be; only an advisary body; and that its only object is to promote the union and harmony and extend the usefulness of our beloved church.

That the general Synod has already been instrumental in doing much good is evident from the excellent publications which emanated from members of that body, which have done more to enlighten the public mind in this country with regard to the doctrines of our church, than was previously effected during the last half century. It has brought the ministers and members of our churches to a closer union, and a more intimate acquaintance with each other. It has excited a spirit of enlightened zeal and activity in many of our churches, they before believed themselves incapable. And if, in the infancy of this Institution, it has by the blessing of God, been instrumental in doing so much good; what beneficial effects may we not hope from its future operations, when it will receive the countenance and support of all our sister Synods, and when all our churches shall ultimately engage in the benevolent and christian efforts which distinguish the age we live in, and which are calculated to bring the pure doctrines of the gospel to every family and every heart, and thus ameliorate the condition of our race.

During the time of the meeting of the General Synod a conversation was held for the purpose of forming a "Parent Education Society of the Lutheran Church in the United States;" and subsequently another con-

versation was held in Mechanicsburg Penn. for the purpose of forming a "Central Missionary Society." The constitutions of these Societies will require our careful examination. The importance of these subjects to the best interests of our church will no doubt induce this Synod to prepare such forms of constitutions for the government of our local societies as will enable our congregations to enter on this great work with the confidence, the spirit and zeal which its importance demands.

Such Societies are supported by all other christian denominations, and are peculiarly demanded by the exigencies of our own church. Education Societies provide the means of education to many pious young men, who would otherwise have been but of limited usefulness to the church, and missionary Societies afford the most efficient means of supplying the thinly scattered inhabitants of many portions of our country, with an opportunity of having the preaching of the gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BACHMAN.

Adopted.

After there had been considerable discussion in matters growing out of subjects embraced in the report, Dr. Hazelius directed the attention of Synod, to the consideration of the amended articles of the Old Constitution of the General Synod, adopted at its last session. Dr. Bachman read the articles of the *Old Constitution*, one by one; and then the amendments as they have been made, and will continue to be in the *New Constitution*, if confirmed by two thirds of the Dist. Synods, for the action of this body.

*Articles of the Old Constitution, with the amendments immediately following.*

1. Art. II. Paragraph 2nd of the Old Constitution of the General Synod—"Every Synodical body or Synod (whether of ministers only, or of ministers and Lay-Deputies together,) containing six ministers, may send one; if it contains fourteen, two; if twenty five, three; if forty, four; if sixty, five; and if it contain eighty-six ministers or upwards, six Deputies of the rank of ordained ministers, and an equal number of Lay-Deputies."

*The amendment: "Every Synodical body, or Synod (whether of ministers only, or ministers and lay-deputies together) containing six ministers," may send two; if it contains fourteen, three; if twenty-five, four: if forty, five; if sixty, six; and if it contains eighty-six ministers or upwards, seven deputies, "of the rank of ordained ministers, and an equal number of lay-deputies."*

2. Art. III. Sec. 2. Specifi. 1st and 2nd.

"With regard to all *books and writings* proposed for public use in the church, the General Synod shall act as a joint committee of the special Synods and Ministeriums, after the following manner, viz: 1. The General Synod shall examine all books and writings, such as chatechisms, forms of liturgy, collection of hymns or confessions of faith, proposed by the special Synods for public use, and give their well considered advice, counsel or opinions concerning the same. No Synod, therefore, and no ministerium standing in connexion with this General Synod, shall set forth any new book or writing of the kind above mentioned, for public use in the church, without having previously transmitted a full and complete copy thereof to the General Synod, for the purpose of receiving their said advice, counsel or opinion.

2. Whenever the General Synod shall deem it proper or necessary, they may propose to the special Synods or ministeriums, new books or writings of the kind mentioned above, for general or special public use. Every proposal of the kind, the several or respective Synods and Ministeriums shall duly consider, and if they or any of them shall be of the opinion that the said book or books, writing or writings, will not conduce to the end proposed, then and in such a case it is hoped, that the reasons of such opinion will be transmitted to the next Convention of the General Synod, in order that the same may be entered on their Journal?"

*The amendment: "Whenever the General Synod shall deem it proper or necessary, they may propose to the special Synods or Ministeriums, new books or writings, such as catechisms, forms of liturgy, collections of hymns for general or special use in the church. Every proposal of the kind, the several or respective Synods may duly consider; and if they or any of them shall be of opinion, that the said book or books, writing or writings, will not conduce to the end proposed, they may reject them, and adopt such liturgical books as they may think proper."*

3. Art. III. Sec. 3. "If hereafter twenty-five ministers, dwelling together within a certain marked boundary, fifteen of whom being ordained ministers, shall apply to the General Synod for permission to create within themselves a special Ministerium, and the Synod or special Ministerium to which they have previously belonged, do not, upon due notice given of their intention so to apply, make any serious or important objection, then the General Synod shall have power to grant the permission; and if within the bounds of a whole State no special Synod or Ministerium shall yet have existed, and six ordained ministers residing therein shall apply for permission to create within themselves a special Ministerium, the General Synod shall authorise the establishment of a new Synod and Ministerium within the said State. But until the permission or authority be thus formally conceded, no deputies of a new Synod or Ministerium shall be acknowledged to have a seat and vote in the General Synod."

*The amendment: "All regularly constituted Lutheran Synods, holding the fundamental doctrines of the Bible as taught by our Church, not now in connexion with the General Synod, may at any time become associated with it by adopting this Constitution and sending delegates to its Convention, according to the ratio specified in par. 2. Art. 2."*

4. Art. VII. "No alteration of this Constitution may be made except by the consent of two-thirds of the Synods attached to this Convention; notice of the intended alteration having been given to said Synods at least two years previous to the final adoption thereof."

*The amendment: "No alteration of this Constitution may be made except by the consent of two-thirds of the Synods attached to this Convention; an exact copy of the intended alterations to be sent by the Secretary to all the Presidents of the District Synods in connexion with this body, with the request that they would lay them before their respective Synods for decision." If at the subsequent meeting of the General Synod it shall appear from their minutes that two-thirds of the District Synods are in favor of the alterations, they shall accordingly be made.*

*Declaration:* 5. "*With regard to any objectionable features in the Constitution recommended to the District Synods, your Committee would observe, that they did not come within their revision, but they are left en-*

*tirely to the individual Synods which adopted that form of Constitution.*"

Synod confirmed the amendments, only by one, as they were read; and upon the question being put as to the whole of the amendments and declaration: It was resolved, unanimously, that they be adopted.

Several resolutions were now introduced and unanimously passed.

Resolved, That our Delegate to the next General Synod be instructed to move that the existing bye-laws of the General Synod be appended to the amended constitution.

Resolved, That the Synod recommend all the churches under its care to celebrate the 31st of October next, being the anniversary of the Reformation, as a day of Thanksgiving and prayer for the prosperity of Zion.

Synod now ordered, That the Constitutions of the "Parent Education Society" and of the "Central Missionary Society" be taken up for discussion: After some friendly interchange of opinions on them, the subject was disposed of for the present, by the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed by this Synod to examine the Constitutions of the "Parent Education Society" and the "Central Missionary Society;" and that they report to the next Synod. Committee: Messrs. Hazelius, Bachman, Hope and Muller.

A series of resolutions were now introduced and passed.

Resolved, That this Synod recommend to the ministers and vestries in our different churches, especially in the country, the establishment of *Cent Societies* in their respective congregations, as the most suitable and the easiest means of raising the Education, Missionary and Synodical funds of our church.

Resolved, That 1,000 copies of our proceedings be printed, and that six copies be sent to each Lutheran Synod in the United States.

Resolved, That the ministers and lay-delegates of the Synod be requested to ascertain as soon as the minutes of our Synodical proceedings shall have been published, the sense of our congregations in regard to a church convention for the purpose of dividing our territory in suitable ministerial districts, and to examine the discipline now partially received, and adopt such a discipline as may in every respect suit our circumstances and situation.

Resolved, That the President tender to the friends and members of St. Nicholas church, after public worship, the thanks of this Synod for the kind manner in which we have been received.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be returned to all our Societies, Churches and individuals for their liberal donations to the funds of this body.

It being announced that the Rev. Mr. Goge, a minister of the Methodist church, was present; the Chair introduced him to the Synod, and invited him to a seat among us as an advisory member.

Synod adjourned to attend to the ordaining and licensing services.

ORDINATION AND LICENSURE.—*Tuesday*, 12 *o'clock.*

A considerable congregation having assembled, the services commenced with singing and prayer by the Secretary, the Rev. J. C. Hope, who preached the ordination sermon from Math. x: 16th verse: "*Behold I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves, be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves.*"

The candidates for ordination were invited to the altar, when the President, Stephen A. Mealy, gave them the charge, and with their hands upon

the Sacred Word, proposed from the Constitution, the usual questions, and then ordained the Rev. Herman Aull and Robert Cloy to the Gospel ministry, being assisted by the Secretary and Drs. Hazelius and Bachman.

The candidates for licensure, who had been examined and accepted, were next invited forward, and after answering to the usual questions prescribed in the Constitution, the President proceeded to the licensure of Jas. P. Ring, Edwin A. Bolles, David Bernhardt and Levi Bedenbaugh, to the Gospel ministry, assisted by the same Brethren. All the clergy gave them the right hand of fellowship, expressing their christian feelings and ardent desires for their success in the holy cause in which they had engaged.

The services being closed, the President, in accordance with a resolution of the Synod, tendered the thanks of this body to the people of this neighborhood for their liberality and kindness manifested towards us during the meeting of this Synod.

The service closed with an appropriate prayer by the President.

FIFTH SESSION, Tuesday, P. M.

Synod resumed its deliberations by attending to the report of the Committee on the Lexington Literary Institute.

REPORT NO. IX.

After a re-consideration of the report of the Committee on the Lexington Institute, the Chairman of said Committee moves the following substitute: That Synod keep the house as its own property, and permit the citizens to have an Academical school in the first story of said house, under their own control.

ERNEST L. HAZELIUS, Chairman.

Adopted.

Mr. David Hungerpealer now asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the meeting.

The Rev. G. Dreher having now arrived to take part in the deliberations of Synod; the President, in the discharge of his official duty, now directed the attention of Synod to the viii. Chap. and 4th Art. of the Constitution:

"*No ordained minister or licentiate shall neglect to attend to the Synod except through unavoidable necessity, with which voluntary ministerial engagements are not to be reckoned synonymous. If such necessity should occur to any, he shall send in a written apology for his absenee, and shall be brought to account for the same by the President at the next meeting, if either his apology has not been accepted, or if he has not sent in one at all. Whosoever is three times successively absent, without regularly apologising for it, shall be considered as declaring thereby, that he wishes no longer to be considered as a member of this body, and shall forfeit all right of membership.*"

Rev. G. Dreher was now called on to offer his excuse for his appearance at so late a period of the meeting, whereupon he arose and stated that he was prevented by having to preach in one of his churches on the Lord's day preceding. After a few remarks by several of the members, in view of the requirements of the article of the Constitution alluded to, and of the nature of the excuse which was rendered: It was resolved, that the excuse of the Rev. G. Dreher be not sustained.

Rev. Dr. Bachman in the Chair.

Rev. S. A. Mealy arose and explained himself relative to a visit which he paid to Rev. G. Dreher last Spring. As that visit was misconstrued and a

report circulated concerning it, calculated to injure the official standing of Rev. S. A. Mealy, as the organ of the Synod, he felt it his duty utterly to deny, that his conduct was improper or unchristian on that occasion, and that he stood prepared to exonerate himself from the charge by a credible witness. Synod called on Mr. J. P. Ring, who had accompanied Rev. S. A. Mealy on that occasion, to make his statement. He arose and corroborated the statements of Rev. Mealy, and declared that he saw nothing censureable in the conduct of Rev. Mealy on that occasion. There being no counter accounts given, Synod considered Rev. S. A. Mealy as standing fully exhonorated from such charges.

Dr. Hazelius now introduced a resolution which was unanimously agreed to:

Resolved, That the bounds of our Synod be divided into three contiguous conferential Districts, for the purpose of holding conferences, and of giving our people more frequent opportunities, such as they enjoy at meetings of Synod, to have the Gospel richly dwelling among them, and that a committee be appointed to report to Synod on this subject. Committee: Messrs. Scheck, Haltiwanger and Wingard.

Messrs. Ring and Bedenbaugh now asked and obtained leave of absence the remainder of the meeting.

Synod adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Rev. R. Cloy.

SIXTH SESSION, Wednesday Morning, Nov. 18th.

Prayer by Rev. J. C. Hope. Synod resumed its deliberations by entering into a short debate, whether an individual member of the Synod has a right to enter a protest against the proceedings of any deliberative body, without the permission of said body?

The Chair, Dr. Bachman offering his opinion in the negative; it was resolved, that the chair be sustained in his views, that no member has a right to insert a protest without the permission of this body.

## REPORT NO. X.

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Sister Synods, as far as they have come to hand, have attended to the duty assigned them, and beg leave respectfully to report:

1. The Synod of Hartwick, convened in the Lutheran Church, Guilderland, Albany county, on Saturday the 6th of Sept. 1834. This Synod numbers 12 ordained ministers and 2 Licentiates, who reported 37 cong. 388 confirm. and 4000 communicants. The proceedings of this body show that they are actively engaged in the master's work. Their congregations are flourishing, their missionary operations successful, and their members manifest a willingness to aid the cause of the adorable Redeemer.

2. The Synod of Maryland met at Clear-spring, Washington county, on the 19th of Oct. 1834. Twenty ordained ministers answered to their names, and reported 534 confirm. and 6500 communicants. These brethren are making laudable exertions to sustain the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa. and are supporting the cause of domestic missions, not only in the bounds of their own Synod, but also in the far West.

3. The Synod and ministerium of the Eastern District of the State of Ohio, held its first meeting at Greensburg, Pa. on the 3rd Lord's day, (and days following) in Oct. 1834. This Synod is composed of 12 ordained ministers, 2 candidates, and 1 catechet. Only 5 of the ordained ministers were present, and from the parochial reports, we learn that there were

1318 Bapt. 756 confirm. and 7168 communicants. The proceedings of that body show, that our Brethren in Ohio are diligently engaged in willing souls to Christ.

4. A Convention of the Brethren of Kentucky was held in Jefferson county, on Saturday, 11th Oct. 1834, as a preparatory step to the formation of a Synod. It was attended by 5 ordained ministers, and 3 Lay-Delegates. After transacting much business, principally of a local character, the Convention adjourned, to meet again in the City of Louisville, Ky. on the first Lord's day in Oct. 1835. Through the medium of the Lutheran Observer, your committee were able to learn, that at the appointed time, a number of ministers with their Lay-Delegates assembled at the place specified, and found a New Synod, bearing the imposing name, "Synod of the West."

5. The Synod and ministerium of North Carolina and adjacent parts, convened in St. John's Church, at Salisbury, Rowan county, on the 2nd May, 1835. This Synod numbers 5 ordained ministers, and 2 Licentiates, who reported 23 cong. 340 Bap. and 1572 communicants. Among other matters of importance, the following resolution arrested the attention of the committee.

"Resolved, That five persons be appointed as a committee to take under consideration the propriety of establishing an institution on the manual labor plan, within the district of this Synod, and that the said committee report by to-morrow morning. Committee: Rev. W. Artz, Rev. J. Miller, Rev. D. Jenkins, Dr. J. Stanger. The committee reported, that they had given the subject all the consideration which the shortness of the time would admit of, and would simply submit the result of their deliberations.

We are unanimously of the opinion, that it is not only expedient, but highly necessary to establish as soon as possible, within the bounds of this Synod, an Institution for the education of young men for the ministry, and for the general prosperity of the church; and we are further of the opinion, that the manual labor plan, all things considered, is the one which will succeed best in this part of the country, and which can be most easily accomplished by the means at our command.

We therefore recommend, that the Synod appoint a committee of 5 persons, to collect all the information that can be had on this subject, as to the probable cost of keeping up such an Institution—also to prepare rules and regulations for the Institution; to look out for a fit place of location; to solicit aid and contributions for the work; and generally to take all such steps and measures that they may think necessary, and proper to carry on the plan into speedy and successful operation. And said committee, when they shall have made proper progress in this work, so as to satisfy them of its practicability, they shall call together the Synod, and submit to them, for their consideration, what they shall have done in the business."

WILLIAM ARTZ,
*Chairman of Committee.*

Though many considerations suggested themselves to your committee in reading the above report, yet they are indisposed to offer them before this body, as the subject has already received its attention.

6. The Synod of East Pennsylvania convened at Germantown, on the 14th of June, 1835. This is the Oldest and Largest Lutheran Synod in in the United States; for whilst a considerable number of the Lutheran

ministers, living in the Western part of the State, believing that it would be conducive to the interest of the church, formed themselves into a New Synod; 51 ordained ministers, and 5 Licentiates, in all 56 clergymen still remain in connexion with this Synod; who reported 176 cong. and 23503 communicants.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN D. SCHECK,
*Chairman of Committee.*

Adopted.

The following preamble and resolution were now introduced and adopted. At a meeting in St. Stephen's Church, Lexington Court House, in the year of our Lord 1833, a resolution was passed recommending to the ministers and churches, the establishment of reading societies, both for edification and instruction, and in this manner to form congregational Lyceums; but partly from forgetfulness and partly from not being acquainted with suitable books, this beneficial system has not been attended to; therefore, be it resolved, that the Lutheran Observer, the Penny Magazine, and Ellis' researches of Polynesia be recommended to our ministers and churches as works of edification and instruction, well calculated for this purpose. A number of petitions were read and severally referred to the ministerium.

A communication was received from Wm. Counts, Esq. the Delegate appointed to represent the churches under the care of Rev. G. Dreher, in which he stated his excuse for non-attendance, which was sustained.

REPORT NO. XI.

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Seminary, respectfully report, that they have examined the same with the vouchers, and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted,
JOS. FELT,
FRED. HARMON,
A. BRANDENBURG.
} Committeee on Seminary Accts.

Adopted.

*The following Statement exhibits the condition of the funds of the Seminary.*

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| May 12 | " | Rev. J. Bachman, Charleston, | | 25 00 |
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| | " | Mary L. Blum, | " | 5 00 |
| | " | Louisa C. Blum, | " | 5 00 |
| | " | Eliza C. Cochran, | " | 5 00 |
| | " | Charles Bussacker, | " | 5 00 |
| | " | H. D. Cohrs, | " | 5 00 |
| | " | A. A. Lovegreen, | " | 5 00 |
| | " | Jacob Sluter, | " | 1 00 |
| | " | Harriet Barnhardt, | " | 5 00 |

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| May 12 | Cash by H. M. Chisolm, | " | 5 00 |
| | " John Clancy, | " | 2 00 |
| | " W. F. Schroder, | " | 5 00 |
| | " C. D. Happold, | " | 5 00 |
| | " C. R. Brewster, | " | 5 00 |
| | " T. H. Purse, | " | 10 00 |
| July 3 | " David Ewart, Columbia, in 6 shares of the Columbia Bridge Company, | | 600 00 |
| | " Mary Geiger, | " | 50 00 |
| | " Dr. Edward Fisher, | " | 10 00 |
| Oct. 5 | " William Weston, | " | 10 00 |
| | " David Hopkins, | " | 10 00 |
| | " The Columbia Bridge Company 1st qr. at $1 per qr. | | 6 00 |
| Oct. 16 | " George Butler, | " | 25 00 |
| Nov. 5 | " John Mealy, Charleston, | | 10 00 |
| 10 | " John Launs, " | | 5 00 |
| | " J. Meetze & W. Caughman, (their last Instal.) | | 304 00 |
| | " Meetze & Caughman, (interest,) | | 6 53 |
| 16 | " Dr. Jefferson Goodwin, | | 10 00 |
| | " David McClure, | | 5 00 |
| | " George Haltiwanger, | | 20 00 |
| | " John Paysinger, | | 10 00 |
| | " Hector McChan, | | 5 00 |
| | " Dr. P. Todd, | | 2 00 |
| | " Jacob Harmon, | | 2 00 |
| | " John Sease, | | 2 00 |
| | " Michael Ricard, | | 1 00 |
| | " George Eichelberger, | | 33 00 |
| | " Col. S. Cannon, | | 10 00 |
| | " Col. David Hentz,, | | 10 00 |
| | " John Cook, (last instal.) | | 5 00 |
| | " Adam Folk, Esqr. | | 2 00 |
| | " J. C. Hope, (Inst.) | | 17 50 |
| Total | | | $ 7272 61 |

EXPENDITURES FOR LAST YEAR.

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| 1835. March 10, | To cash paid to R. Sondley, for freight on books for the Seminary, | | $ 7 50 |
| 25, | " Dr. Hazelius, for the same purpose, | | 2 50 |
| May 7, | " Wm. Kunhardt, for the same purpose, | | 4 75 |
| | Deducted from above— | | $ 14 75 |
| 1835. Nov. 17, | " Balance in the hands of the Tr. of Sem. in Bonds and cash. | | $ 7257 86 |

It having, from the statement of the Trustees of the Lexington Literary Institute, apppeared to this Synod, that there was a deficiency in the funds of said Institute, necessary to pay the salary of the instructors, and being bound by previous agreement to make up half such deficiency, therefore,

*Resolved*, That the President grant an order to draw on the Treasurer of the Synod, for the amount of $53 87½ cts. to pay the one-half of said deficiency towards the salary of the Classical Teacher.

Rev. J. Moser in the Chair.

N. B.—A mistake occurred last year, in the printed minutes, through an oversight, in the statement of the amounts contributed to the funds of the Seminary by two Gentlemen, Samuel Bookman, who contributed $ 10 and Jacob Book, who contributed $ 5.—*Secretary.*

The Secretary now read the proceedings of the second and third sessions of Ministerium, as information to the Synod. (See min. of Ministerium.)

The Board of Directors having held a meeting this forenoon, would report their transactions as information also before this body.

The information in both cases was well received and met the approbation of the whole Synod.

The report of the Board of Directors on the operations, state and prospects of the Seminary at Lexington was next read and adopted. (See Appendix B.)

Several resolutions were now introduced and adopted.

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. Hazelius and H. Muller be again appointed special Agents to make collections for the Seminary.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be returned to the Rev. J. D. Scheck, to the congregation, the Rev. J. Medtart of Philadelphia, and to other individuals, for their liberal donations in books to the Library of the Seminary.

Rev. S. A. Mealy in the Chair.

## REPORT NO. XII.

The Committe appointed to examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Synod beg leave respectfully to report, that they have examined his accounts, with the necessary vouchers, and give the following as a true statement of the funds of the Synod.

EXPENDITURES

For the year ending Nov. 14, 1835.

Dr. *The Lutheran Synod of South Carolina and adjacent States, in account with Rev. G. Dreher, Treasurer.*

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| 1834. Nov. 20. | To cash paid Rev. F. F. Harris, | $ 50 00 |
| " 26. | " " D. Bernhard, | 13 00 |
| Dec. 31. | " " D. Bernhard, | 43 25 |
| 1835. Jan. 16. | " " L. Bedenbaug, | 56 25 |
| " " " | To Mr. Gross for H. Stoudemyre, | 56 00 |
| " " " | " " to E. Hawkins, | 75 00 |
| " Feb. 2. | " H. Muller for Dr. Hazelius, | 138 00 |
| " " " | " " " to S.R.Shepherd, | 30 00 |
| " " 18. | " Rev. J. C. Hope, for printing minutes and constitution, | 95 00 |
| " Mar. 3. | " H. Stoudemyre on last year's account, | 4 00 |
| " May 20. | " David Burnhardt, | 18 75 |
| " Sep. 28. | " Levi Bedenbaugh, | 75 00 |
| " " 30. | " G. Haltiwanger, Jr. | 75 00 |
| " Nov. 6. | " H. Stoudemyre, | 75 00 |
| " " " | " D. Bernhardt, | 45 25 |
| Total, | | $849 50 |

RECEIPTS

For the year ending Nov. 14, 1835.

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| Balance in hand Nov. 17th, 1834, | $2748 36 |
| Dec. 1834, By interest received, | 96 54¾ |
| Total, | $2844 90¾ |
| The amount expended, | 849 50 |
| Balance in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod, Nov. 14th, 1835, in notes and cash, | $1995 40¾ |

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH FELT,
FREDERICK HARMON,
A. BRANDENBURG,
} Committee on Treasury Accounts

The Rev. G. Dreher now arose and acknowledged his gratitude to the members of this body, for the confidence which was manifested towards him, in appointing him for so many years in succession the Treasurer of this Synod, and for having now exempted him from the heavy burthen.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be retnrned to the Rev. God-

frey Dreher, for the faithful performance of his duties for many years as Treasurer of the Synod.

The Treasurers of the Seminary and Synod executed a renewal of their bonds.

REPORT NO. XIII.

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the expediency of dividing our Synodical territory into conference districts, beg leave respectfully to report: That

*District No.* 1, be composed of the churches in Charleston and Savannah.

*District No.* 2, be composed of all the ministers and their churches, living on the south of Saluda river. The churches at Ebenezer, in Barnwell District, Orangeburg, and Sandy Run are included.

*District No.* 3, be composed of all the ministers, residing on the North side of Saluda River, and their churches, including the church at Lexington Village.

Respectfully submitted.

J. D. SCHECK,
J. WINGARD,
G. HALTIWANGER, } Committee.

Adopted.

A communication from St. Peter's church was read and referred to the Ministerium.

In reference to the time when these conferential districts are to hold their meetings, the following resolution was introduced and adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod recommend to the ministers and people in teir confehrential districts, to hold the conferential meetings whenever a fifth Lord's day occurs in the month.

Synod adjourned to meet immediately after the close of the last session of the Ministerium.

LAST SESSION, Wednesday Evening.

Synod resumed its business by hearing the report of the transactions of the Ministerium as information. (See min. of Ministerium.)

With a view to satisfy the ministers and the churches at large, of the friendly determinations of the Rev. G. Dreher, whose feelings had been in some measure, estranged from us; he consented, at the request of his brethren, to sign the following pledge:

I solemnly pledge myself to co-operate with my clerical brethren, in the spirit of true friendship, in the future, in promoting peace and harmony in the churches. (Signed) GODFREY DREHER.

Resolved, That the same Committee on missions for last year be appointed again for this year. The Committee, Messrs. Dr. Hazelius, G. Dreher, H. Muller, W. Caughman and J. Meetze.

Resolved, That the committee on the book depository for last year be the committee for the ensuing year. Committee: Messrs. E. L. Hazelius, J. C. Hope and G. Dreher.

Resolved, That the committee to afford assistance to young men, who are destitute of means, and are desirous of studying for the ministry, be the same as last year. Committee: Messrs. H. Muller, W. Caughman, M. Rauch, G. Dreher and E. L. Hazelius.

Our Synodical business having been finished; after uniting in singing a hymn of praise, the President closed by an impressive prayer at the Throne of Grace, for the blessing of God to rest upon us and ours, evermore. The

ministers then departed from each other in the spirit of christian love, to return to their homes, and once more greet their sacred charges. Amen.

I certify that the foregoing is a faithful abstract from the records of the Twelfth Session of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina and adjacent States.

JOHN CHRISTIAN HOPE, Secretary.

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## SESSIONS OF THE MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION, Monday Afternoon, Nov. 16.

The Ministerium met according to a previous resolution, to attend to the business coming more immediately under its action.

It was consulted as to the propriety of ordaining the Rev. Licentiates, H. Aull and R. Cloy; whereupon,

It was resolved, That Rev. Hermon Aull and Robert Cloy be ordained in the church on Tuesday, at 12 o'clock.

It was resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine Messrs. Jas. P. Ring, Edwin, A. Bolles, David Bernhardt and Levi Bedenbaugh, candidates for the ministry, on the several branches of study to which they had attended in the Seminary. Committee: Rev. E. L. Hazelius, J. Bachman, S. A. Mealy, J. C. Hope and J. D. Scheck.

The Ministerium ordered, That the examination be conducted for the space of an hour, before the whole Synod, and then to be resumed again at night before the committee, which committee shall report to the Synod tomorrow.

A communication from St. Andrew's church was now read and considered. The election of brother Bedenbaugh as the Pastor of that church was sustained; but whereas, Mr. Bedenbaugh generously and respectfully offered the pastoral care of this church to Rev. M. Rauch, the Ministerium respectfully recommend said congregation to be under the pastoral care of Rev. M. Rauch, and that both these brethren labor for them the ensuing year.

Upon the consideration of the report of Dr. Hazelius, concerning the church in Columbia, it was resolved, That Mr. Philip Strobel receive a license to preach and exhort in the church of Columbia, the ensuing year, under the direction of the Professor, Dr. Hazelius.

Ministerium adjourned.

SECOND SESSION, Tuesday, Nov. 17.

The Ministerium resumed its deliberations by attending to the report of the committee appointed to examine the Theological Students. The committee reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and were fully satisfied with the progress which they had made in their Theological Studies, and would therefore recommend them as suitable subjects for Licensure. It was resolved, therefore, That James P. Ring, Edwin A. Bolles, David Bernhardt and Levi Bedenbaugh receive full license to preach the gospel and to administer the ordinances.

The missionary journal of Mr. D. Bernhardt, which had been referred to the Ministerium, was now read and considered, and in view of the information which it contained, it was recommended, that Mr. Levi Bedenbaugh preach once a month, and oftener if possible, at Aiken, and that he receive the usual missionary allowance, the half of which is to be returned to the assisting funds of the Seminary.

Ministerium adjourned.

THIRD SESSION, Tuesday Afternoon.

Ministerium resumed its business again by considering a communication from Mt. Calvary Church, Edisto, requesting the services of Mr. L. Bedenbaugh. The request was granted.

A communication was heard from Dr. Hazelius, relative to the situation of St. Jacob's Church, Wateree. After a thorough consideration of the state of the congregation, and what would be just and christian-like, it was resolved, That it be recommended to all the elders of St. Jacob's Church to resign their office—that then an election be held by the regular communing male members and contributors, for one set of ruling officers only—that then the same kind of voters enter into an impartial election for a regular Pastor, exclusive of Rev. J. Moser and G. Dreher. If this recommendation be not complied with, then, and upon that condition—be it resolved, That Rev. M. Rauch be recommended to preach in the Baptist Church, to that portion of the congregation of St. Jacob's Church, favorable to our Synod.

Ministerium adjourned.

FOURTH SESSION, Wednesday Evening, Nov. 18.

Ministerium resumed its deliberations by attending to the business specially referred to it. A petition was read from Zion, St. Peter and Bethlehem Churches, requesting the full licensure of Mr. Jacob Kleckly, and fully considered. In view of the standing rule of this Ministerium and of the Ministeriums of other Synods, first to examine a candidate, and if accepted, then to license; and on account of constitutional requisitions which had not been complied with by the proposed candidate, the request at this time could not be complied with by this Ministerium.

The Ministerium was not disposed to reject the petitioner's request in relation to Mr. J. Kleckly, but in consequence of his not previously complying with the vi. Chap. Art'ls 2—3 of the Constitution.

2. "*Every person applying for license must submit to an examination, conducted by an examining committee, of two or more ordained ministers appointed by the President for this purpose. These examinations are recommended to be conducted in the presence of the whole Synod.*

3. *The examination shall embrace at least the following subjects:*—1. *Personal piety and the motives of the applicants for seeking the ministerial office*; 2. *The evidences of Christianity*; 3. *Natural and revealed Theology*; 4. *Church History*; 5. *Pastoral Theology*; 6. *The rules of Sermonizing*; 7. *Church Government*; *and* 8. *The Greek and Hebrew Scriptures; and after the examination is ended by the committee, every member of the Ministerium, has the right to ask the applicant any additional questions.*" The Ministerium could not act otherwise than they have done. Some of the above studies may be dispensed with, when necessity requires it.

A petition from St. Peter's Church, giving notice of the election of Rev. G. Dreher as their future Pastor, and requesting the sanction of this Ministerium, that he serve them, was read and considered. As this Ministerium does not assume the right or power of controling the churches in their choice of a minister, when fairly and constitutionally elected, and as there was no complaint of an unfair election in this case; the Ministerium ordered that the petition be returned to said congregation.

A petition from Bethlehem and St. Jacob's Churches, requesting the renewal and extension of Mr. Samuel Baughtnight's license, he being a Stu-

dent of Divinity under the care of this body, was read and considered. In view of constitutional requirements, it was resolved, That the license of Mr. S. Baughtnight be renewed, upon the condition that Dr. Hazelius hold a colloquium with him, and if it be ascertained that Mr. S. Baughtnight approves of our Synod, and intends to co-operate with us in promoting tho great cause of religion, then, and upon such condition, Dr. Hazelius shall be authorized to grant him a license to preach the Gospel and exhort.

Resolved, Furthermore, That the license of Mr. S. Baughtnight be extended, as soon as he complies with the vi. Chap. and Art'ls 2 and 3 of the Constitution, as expressed above.

Two communications from Salem's Church, Hollow Creek, one giving notice of the election of Rev. G. Dreher as their future minister, and requesting the sanction of his serving them; the other stating a a grievance committed in the manner in which that election was conducted, and requesting the services of Mr. L. Bedenbaugh, were read and considered.

In view of the whole matter as it presented itself to us from these communications, and on account of the constitution by which our body is governed; the Ministerium deemed it just and proper between brethren, to introduce and adopt the following resolutions:

Resolved, That said election be not sustained, because it appeared that votes had been given by some who were not regular communing members or supporters at the time.

Resolved, Furthermore, That it be recommended to this congregation to hold another election for a Pastor, and that none but the regular male communing members and supporters be permitted to vote.

I certify that the foregoing is a true extract from the proceedings of the Ministerium.

JOHN CHRISTIAN HOPE, Secretary of Ministerium.

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## A SUMMARY

Of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in the United States of America, taken from the parochial reports of the different Synods, which however comes short of the numerical strength of the church, as there is but an imperfect report often made to Synods.

### STATISTICAL RECAPITULATION.

| DISTRICT SYNODS. | Ministers. | Congregations | Baptisms. Infants. | Baptisms. Adults. | Confirmations. | Communicants. | Years of Report. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Synod of East Pennsylvania, | 60 | 191 | 4563 | | 2442 | 23242 | 1834 |
| 2. Synod of New York, | 26 | 37 | 784 | 23 | 180 | 2404 | 1834 |
| 3. Eastern District of Ohio, | 21 | 60 | 1318 | | 756 | 8168 | 1834 |
| 4. Western District of Ohio, | 27 | 83 | 918 | | 251 | 4019 | 1834 |
| 5. West Pennsylvania Synod, | 41 | 132 | 2040 | 112 | 1232 | 9921 | 1834 |
| 6. Hartwick, N. Y. | 17 | 37 | 582 | 30 | 388 | 4000 | 1834 |
| 7. Maryland, | 19 | 48 | 1288 | | 530 | 5075 | 1834 |
| 8. Virginia, | 11 | 54 | 500 | | 169 | 1976 | 1834 |
| 9. North Carolina, | 12 | 24 | 321 | 19 | 155 | 1621 | 1835 |
| 10. Synod of the West, | 5 | | | | | | 1835 |
| 11. South Carolina, | 15 | 31 | 280 | | 94 | 1840 | 1835 |
| 12. Synod of Tennessee, | 13 | 38 | | | | | 1831 |
| Ord. Min. and Lic. included, | 267 | 735 | 12,594 | 184 | 6197 | 62,266 | |

# APPENDIX.

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## PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

*Dearly Beloved Brethren:*

Through the kind Providence of our common God and Father, we have been preserved through another year, and are again permitted to behold each other on this side of the grave, to indulge in an interchange of sentiments, to unite our deliberations and our prayers, and to confer upon those subjects, which, as we humbly trust, will have a tendency to promote the best interests of our beloved Church. Another year has revolved in its course, bringing with it all those vicissitudes and changes, which never fail to make so large a lapse in the revolutions of time, and yet we feel that the tender mercies of God have been extended towards us and our people, and that the Great Head of the Church has neither forsaken, nor forgotten us. Notwithstanding the apprehensions of many of another visitation of disease, with but a few exceptions, a very general state of health has blessed our country, the kindly smiles of Heaven have rested upon the Church of our affections—and if the borders of our zion have not been enlarged, and her members increased, to the full extent of our sanguine wishes, during the past year, we have at least abundant cause for thankfulness, that the number of our ministers has not been diminished, as in former years, by the invasions of death, but on the contrary, that we have now before us the prospect of an additional number of well qualified laborers in the vineyard of the Lord. And upon the whole, that we have seldom met in Annual Convention, under more favorable aspects than on the present occasion. To God our merciful Father in Christ, we would ascribe all the praise.

Your candor and good feeling are too well known to allow me to doubt, that you will bear with me, while I now endeavor to lay before you such information as has reached me, with regard to the past movements and present prospects of our church; and while I respectfully submit to your united wisdom those suggestions, which, it is believed, are not without an important bearing upon the future prosperity of our zion.

Communications have been received from a majority of my Clerical Brethren, from which it appears, that during the year they have been enabled to attend without intermission to their arduous duties; and that, if all their hopes of usefulness have not been realized, they have at least experienced the refreshing presence of God in their hearts, and have been greatly sustained and cheered in their responsible labors among their respective charges.

A letter received from the Rev. F. F. Harris, conveys the information that he is still at the post of duty, where he states that he is willing to remain, provided this Synod will regard and support him for some time to come, in the capacity of a missionary. His communication, marked A. contains sundry items of intelligence, of such importance as to induce me to recommend it the careful attention of the Ministerium. He wrote me that the Secretary would hand in his parochial report for the year.

In September, I was informed by Mr. Edwin A. Bolles, a student in our Theological Seminary, that he had received and accepted an invitation from the vestry of St. John's Church in Salisbury N. Carolina, to reside among them for three months, preliminary to their securing the services of a stated Pastor. The relation which our young Brother now sustains towards that congregation, will render it necessary that he should receive from the Ministerium, a full License, preparatory to his entrance upon the duties of the gospel ministry. It should be a subject of gratulation to us, that although our young Brother will remove beyond the bounds of our own Synod, yet that his exertions in the cause of our Divine Master are still to be confined to the Southern section of our Church, where, as all are aware, they are so greatly needed.

To our excellent Professor I am indebted for the intelligence, that Mr. David Bernhardt, another of our students in the Seminary, has received a call to the Lutheran congregation in Amelia, which he has accepted; and that the Church at Sandy Run, has also elected him as Pastor from the number of our students.

The circumstance of these young gentlemen receiving a pastoral call thus early in life, while it conveys a flattering testimonial to the judicious and efficient system of Theological instruction pursued in our Seminary, has also served to confirm in my own mind the correctness of an impression long since imbibed, viz: That so numerous and urgent are the demands for ministerial aid in our Church, especially at the South, that a young man of exemplary piety and respectable literary attainments, has no cause to despair of a suitable situation, when fully prepared to assume the office of the christian ministry.

A letter from my esteemed predecessor, the Rev. Dr. Bachman, our ministeral Delegate to the General Synod, enables me to state that he was kindly received by that respected Body, that the business was conducted in a spirit of great harmony, and that his official report will be submitted at our present session. Mr. Thomas Purse of Savannah, Geo. who was chosen our lay-representative to the General Synod was prevented by domestic circumstances from being present at its deliberations. The Rev. Mr. Scheck was however present as an advisory member, and expresses himself highly gratified with his reception.

While on the subject o the General Synod, it may not be amiss to call the attention of the members of this Synod to a resolution of that Body, couched in the following terms—"Resolved, that it be recommended to the several District Synods to give at their ensuing meeting,

of knowledge, the Board thought it proper that they might form exceptions to the general rule laid down in our Constitution.

2. SPRING EXAMINATION.

This examination took place on the 27th of April. The several classes were examined on Sacred Geography, Biblical History, Hebrew Scriptures, Church History, Biblical Theology, Polemic and Systematic Divinity. In the evening of the same day, several of the Students delivered interesting addresses of their own compositions to a large and gratified congregation. The Examining Committee reported to the Board that they were fully satisfied with the progress of the Students in their respective studies. Immediately after the close of the examination, the Professor read a report to the Board which was accepted. Having reported, that he gave instructions to those students, who had not enjoyed a full scientific and classical education, in Natural Philosophy, Astronomy and Logic, it was highly approved of by the Board.—The Professor having also expressed a desire to change time of vacation, the Board not wishing to assume the responsibility to act in so momentous a matter, resolved, that it be referred to the consideration of the whole Synod, but in view of the whole business, granted the Professor, the privilege of holding all his lectures, and hearing the recitations in the forenoon, during the Summer months.

3. FALL SESSION.

The period of the Fall Session having rolled round, all the Students returned to the favored spot, in the enjoyment of good health, and in fine spirits, having regaled themselves by country and town visits during the vacation. The Seminary commenced its operations again, according to the Constitution, on the first Monday of June. The probationers, now five in number, were to be matriculated, but in consequence of the absence of some members of the Faculty, it was postponed to the 15th of June. On that day, in pursuance of agreement, the Faculty met, the Professor having reported the moral conduct of the probationers, uniformly good, having addressed them in a suitable manner, and having exhibited their testimonials; they were solemnly matriculated as Theological Students of this Institution.

4. FALL EXAMINATION.

The examination at the close of the Spring Session commenced on the 2nd of November, and occupied two days. For the want of more time, the young men were examined only on some of the prominent studies to which they had attended. These branches were, Natural Theology, Evidences of Christianity, Cursory Reading of the Greek Testament, Biblical Exercises, Jewish Antiquities, Church History and Didactic and Polemic Theology, upon which they sustained a very satisfactory examination. At candle light, on the second day, several of the students delivered suitable addresses to a large and attentive congregation—also, a Valedictory Address by Mr. James P. Ring, of Charleston, a regular Graduate of our Seminary. The Examining Committee again reported, that the examination and other exercises were highly pleasing and truly satisfactory.

After the close of the examination, a meeting of the Board was called, but for the want of a quorum, the Professor read his report to the Committee of Examination, which was satisfactory, and accepted. The Professor informed the Committee that he continued lecturing on some extra branches of study to those who availed themselves of the privilege, which in the opinion of the Committee, must prove a special advantage to them. Four of the Students have dissolved their connection with the Seminary, with a view to enter the fields of labor to which they may be called or appointed, if they should be approved by the Synod or Ministerium. As J. P. Ring was a regular Graduate of the Institute, it was resolved, that he receive a Diploma, as is usual in such cases, to be signed by the Professor and Chairman of the Board of Directors.—And as Messrs. D. Bernhardt, E. A. Bolles and Levi Bedenbaugh did not graduate regularly, but had attended to the most important studies for usefulness as Preachers of the Gospel, and as their moral standing was deservedly high—in view of their merits, it was resolved, that they receive favorable certificates, also to be signed by the Professor and Chairman of the Board.—

The Board therefore recommend these young brethren to the Synod and ministerium, hoping that they will stand such an examination before this reverend body, as will entitle them to its confidence, and procure for them the power and privilege of preaching the Gospel.

5. THE LIBRARY.

The Library has received several valuable additions since last year. From the congregation of Ebenezer we have received several boxes of books, to which the Rev. J. D. Scheck has added a number from his private Library. Rev. Mr. Medtart of Philadelphia has also given some valuable books to the Seminary, as well as some other gentlemen whose names are not now recollected. The Library amounts to about 1100 volumes, and has been measurably arranged upon the shelves. A catalogue of them is about to be made out; the Professor has made a commencement, and hopes by another year, to be able to lay the result of his labors before you. The Board has expended but a small amount of money this year for repairs of houses or otherwise. And as the fund for the support of a Professorship is not yet fully made up, and as it appears all important that it should be completed at no distant period, and as the plan adopted by the clergy in applying the annual collections of the churches for this purpose, will not succeed well many years longer, the Board would simply suggest the re-appointment of an efficient agent, to proceed immediately after Synod on a collecting mission, to raise, if possible, the residue which is wanting to complete the necessary fund. Thus have the Board given a detailed account of the transactions of the past year, with the only suggestion which is considered important at this time, all which the Board respectfully submits for consideration and adoption.

WEST CAUGHMAN, Chairman of the Board.

J. C. HOPE, Secretary of Board.